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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACKS ON PERSONNEL U.S. BUSINESS FIRMS

1. ON SEPT. 20, THE SECURITY OFFICER, FORD MOTOR CO., ADVISED THE RSO OF THE FOLLOWING. AT APPROXIMATELY 0535 HRS ON SEPT 15, A RED CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK STOPPED IN FRONT OF THE GARAGE OF THE HOME OF ING. JORGE N. PAQUET, MANUFACTURING AND PLANT ENGINEERING STAFF MANAGER, LOCATED AT JORGE NEWBERRY 1321, HURLINGHAM. APPROXIMATELY 100 ROUNDS WERE FIRED FROM A FAL MACHINE GUN (7.62 MM). THE GUARDS, WHO WERE LOCATED IN THE GARAGE, RETURNED FIRE WITH AN ITACA MACHINE GUN (9 MM). THE PICKUP DEPARTED THE AREA AND PAMPHLETS WERE THROWN FROM THE VEHICLE. ONE OF THE PAMPHLETS HAS BEEN TRANSLATED, THE BODY OF WHICH IS QUOTED HERewith: "IN SIX MONTHS OF MILITARY DICTATORSHIP - SUSPENSION OF SALARY INCREASES - MASSIVE FIRING OF PERSONNEL - UNEMPLOYMENT - HUNGER SALARIES - FREE PRICE INCREASES - REPRESSION AGAINST WORKERS AND DELEGATES - 500 RECOGNIZED MURDERS - 5,000 KIDNAPPED AND TORTURED - 10,000 POLITICAL AND UNION PRISONERS - AGAINST THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE EXPLOITING EMPLOYERS AND MILITARY ASSASSINS, THE PEOPLE OPPOSE THEIR ORGANIZED STRENGTH. MONTONERO RESISTANCE WILL WIN." AN ATTACK SIMILAR TO THE ONE DESCRIBED ABOVE TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 26, 1976 DURING THE COURSE OF WHICH THE GUARDS ON MR. PAQUET'S HOUSE WERE KILLED.

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2. LEGATT INFORMED THE RDO THAT THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CHRYSLER CORP. HAD ADVISED HIM ON SEPT. 20 THAT ON THAT SAME DATE, AT 0500 HRS, A GROUP OF ARMED INDIVIDUALS STOPPED IN FRONT OF THE CHRYSLER FEBRE-ARGENTINA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES IN SAN JUSTO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE TRUCK FIRED ON THE OFFICE BUILDING, RIDDLING THE WINDOWS OF THE CONFERENCE ROOM WITH ONE ROUND PASSING INTO THE OFFICE OF THE MANAGER/DIRECTOR. A SY GUARD RECOVERED A SPENT SHELL CASING WHICH IDENTIFIED ONE OF THE WEAPONS FIRED AS A FAL. A COMMUNIQUE WAS LEFT IDENTIFYING THE ATTACKING GROUP AS MONTONEROS.

3. ON SEPT. 20, JOHN G. LITTLE, (ARGENTINA CITIZEN) DEPT. CHIEF, SCHERING PHARMACEUTICAL CO., WAS ASSASSINATED AT THE CORNER OF VIDAL AND SUCRE, BELGRANO, SUBURB OF BUENOS AIRES. MR. LITTLE, 33 YEARS OLD, WAS WAITING FOR A BUS TO TRAVEL TO HIS OFFICE, LOCATED AT THE SCHERING PLANT IN LOMAS DEL MIRADOR. LITTLE WAS SHOT AT POINTBLANK RANGE BY TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO FIRED AT HIM FROM THE STREET.

4. RSO COUNTER-TERRORIST ACTIONS IN ARGENTINA BETWEEN 1 JAN AND 31 AUG 76 (BA 6078). A COUNT IS NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPT TO DATE. IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT OF THIS NUMBER, SOME 14 SENIOR EXECUTIVES, NON-U.S. CITIZENS, OF MAJOR COMPANIES HAVE BEEN VICTIMS. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE LITTLE ASSASSINATION DESCRIBED ABOVE. THOSE ASSASSINATED HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED BY BENDIX, SWIFT, CHRYSLER, FIAT, ETC. LEGATT HAS ADVISED THAT IN THE LAST 20 DAYS THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR AND THE MANAGER OF MANUFACTURING AND ENGINEERING FOR THE CHRYSLER CORP. HAVE RESIGNED AND THAT A THIRD EXECUTIVE WHO WAS REMOVED TO SAO PAULO FOR HIS PROTECTION IS BECOMING DISCOURAGED AND CONSIDERING TERMINATING HIS EMPLOYMENT.

5. IN ADDITION TO ASSASSINATIONS, 14 ARGENTINE NATIONALS IN MANAGEMENT POSITIONS IN THE U.S. COMPANIES HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED AND RELEASED FOR RANSOM; HELD, INTERRORGATED AND RELEASED WITHOUT RANSOM, OR WHOSE WHEREABOUTS REMAIN UNREPORTED.

6. THE ATTACKS ON THE ARGENTINE EXECUTIVE OF U.S. AND OTHER COMPANIES APPEAR TO SUPPORT THE PREMISE THAT THE MONTONEROS ARE CARRYING OUT REVENGE OPERATIONS AGAINST COMPANIES FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCHARGING EMPLOYEES AND REPORTING INDIVIDUALS TO SECURITY FORCES. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT AN ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO GAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE WORKER BY ADMINISTERING WHAT THE MONTONEROS CONSIDER TO BE JUSTICE TO MANAGEMENT.
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